GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:342
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
INDO FRENCH MEET ON WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-French meet on water management was held in Bangalore recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main points discussed therein;

(c) whether an Indo-French research lab, for surface water management is proposed to be set up in Bangalore; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 342 FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2000 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING INDO-FRENCH MEET ON WATER MANAGEMENT.

An Indo-French Meet was held for identification of areas of mutual cooperation in the field of water management, in Bangalore on 12-13th November, 2000. The meeting led to discussions and interaction between Indian decision makers expressing their needs and requirements and water professionals along with socio-economists proposing comprehensive solutions in the field of water management.

The areas of discussion were:-

• Institutional Management of Water Resources,
• Integrated River Basin Management,
• Water Quality & Water Management,
• Water Quality and Sanitation,
• Networks Improvement,
• Public and Private Partnership,
• Financing of Projects.

As a part of the Indo-French Agreement in Science & Technology, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 13.11.2000 by the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and INSTITUT DE RESEARCH POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT(IRD), Paris, France to establish Indo-French Cell on Water Sciences to undertake two specific long term collaborative research programmes. These are:-

(a) An integrated study of hydrology and mineralogy for assessment of water quantity and quality in sub- catchment/watershed.

(b) Geochemical and microbiological factors involved in water pollution and acid mine drainage due to metal mining.